

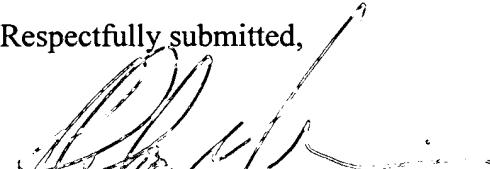
## REMARKS

Claims 22-29 are currently pending. Applicants have amended claims 22-29 to address Examiner's s.112 rejections. Reconsideration of the claims as amended is requested.

### Fee Authorization

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